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December 16, 2019

Hon. Naomi Reice Buchwald
United States District Court
Southern District of New York
Daniel Patrick Moynihan United States Courthouse
500 Pearl Street
New York, NY 10007

Re: Blassingame v. Gardner, et al., 18-cv-8767 (NRB)

Dear Judge Buchwald:

This Office represents Defendants in the above-referenced action. I write to provide the Court with a status report of this matter. Plaintiff's counsel was not available to consult with for the drafting of this letter.

The parties are currently engaged in settlement discussions. If the discussions do not resolve the matter, the parties will resume expert discovery. The undersigned proposes providing the Court, if necessary, with a further status report update within two months, or by February 18, 2020.

Respectfully submitted,

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So ordered
Naomi Reice Buchwald
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